

Union Territory of Delhi, the proposal for construction of a bridge across river Yamuna near Maharani Bagh is at a very preliminary and conceptual stage and its feasibility is yet to be established. Hence it is too early to indicate any date for its implementation.

Revival of Sick Industrial Units

4104. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY :
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sick industrial units including the Small Scale Industries in the country which were provided financial assistance for their revival by commercial banks and financial institutions during the last three years, state-wise;

(b) the number of sick industrial units at present State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for their revival within a fixed time frame ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Election Symbols

4105. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bicycle symbol is a registered election symbol allotted to a recognised political party in

Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the free symbols like motor-cycle and scooter were also allotted to the independent candidates in the recent general election in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether these two free symbols having close resemblance with Bicycle have created confusion among voters; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to remove the confusion among the voters during the next elections ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In so far as free symbol 'Scooter' is concerned there is no resemblance of it with the symbol 'Bicycle'. There may be some resemblance between the symbol 'Bicycle' and 'Motorcycle', but still they are quite distinguishable and it cannot be said with certainty that the voters were confused.

(d) The design of free symbol 'Motorcycle' has now been revised by the Election Commission so that the distinction between these symbols become more pronounced.

L. T. C. Facility for Employees of Nationalised Banks

4106. SHRI AMAR ROY-PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Leave Travel Concession facility for the bank em-

employees has also been extended upto September, 1991 as has been done in the case of Central Government employees:

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) In the case of Central Government employees, the Leave Travel Concession (LTC) facility is available for a fixed block of years and the date of joining the service by a Government employee is not relevant for the purpose of availing Leave Travel Concession. However, in the case of public sector banks, the block of years is calculated from the date when the bank employee joins the service and, therefore, this block will vary for individual employees. In the above context, the question of extending the validity period for the purpose of Leave Travel Concession in respect of bank employees will not be relevant.

Role of Colombo Plan in Rehabilitation of Asian Countries

4107. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Colombo Plan initiated forty years ago is still playing its role of rehabilitation of development Asian Countries;

(b) if so, the role played by India in Colombo Plan activities during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have

approached the Colombo Plan Countries regarding economic difficulties faced by India; and

(d) if so, the reaction of these countries thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR):

(a) The Colombo Plan is a useful forum for exchange of information and ideas on technical cooperation and technical assistance between the member countries, especially on the human resource development which is now the main focus of the Plan. The developing Asian countries under the Plan are receiving technical assistance from the advanced non-regional member countries. The developing countries under the Plan such as India are also providing technical assistance to other member countries.

(b) India has played an active role in the Colombo Plan activities since the inception of the Colombo Plan. India has received assistance from some Colombo Plan countries and has also provided assistance to many developing member countries. It may however be noted that all assistance under the Colombo Plan is negotiated bilaterally so those cannot be counted as being strictly under the Plan. The details of these in the last three years may be seen at the attached statement I and II

(c) and (d) The Government approached Japan and Britain which are also Member countries of the Colombo Plan regarding economic difficulties faced by the country and their response has been favourable.